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1. DURING MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ZURHELLEN 14 MARCH 1975 ALAN RENOUF, SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID THAT THE DFA HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE GOA ALLOW THE PRG TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA. HE ADDED THAT GIVEN THE DECISION MADE AT RECENT LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE, THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE. RENOUF SAID THAT THE DRV EMBASSY HAS ASKED THAT ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE BE GIVEN FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES. DFA WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS, AND HAD MADE A STRONG CASE AGAINST IT. RENOUF ALSO NOTED THAT DFA PREFERRED THAT THE PRG INFORMATION OFFICE BE LOCATED IN CANBERRA SO THAT ITS ACTIVITIES COULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED. HE OBSERVED THAT THE LIBERAL STATE PREMIERS IN NSW AND VICTORIA MIGHT BE UNWILLING TO ALLOW A PRG INFORMATION OFFICE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SYDNEY OR MELBOURNE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. ZURHELLEN COMMENDED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST CURIOUS TO GIVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO THE STAFF OF AN INFORMATION OFFICE WHEN THE GOA DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT WHICH THE INFORMATION OFFICE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN.

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OFFICE REPRESENTED. HE ADDED THAT THE USG HAD DIFFICULTY CONTROL-

LING THE ACTIVITIES OF NORTH KOREAN INFORMATION OFFICE AT THE UN WHICH PUT OUT A LOT OF MATTERIAL WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH UN MATTERS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOA WOULD PREVENT THE PRG INFORMATION OFFICE FROM PUTTING OUT MATERIAL WHICH WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON US-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS.

3. RENOUF SAID THAT DFA HAD HAD TO CALL IN NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY FOR PUTTING OUT PROPAGANDA IN AUSTRALIA ATTACKING THE SOUTH KOREANS, AND PLANNED TO KEEP A CLOSE CHECK ON THE PRG OFFICE'S ACTIVITIES. IN ANY EVENT, DFA WAS DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO KEEP THE PRG REPRESENTATIVES FROM RECEIVING DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES. HE NOTED THAT TERRIGAL RESOLUTION CALLED FOR A PRG OFFICE ON SCANDINAVIAN MODEL AND THAT SCANDINAVIANS DID NOT ALLOW DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES.  
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